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DEAR PROF. CRAY:

IF YOU WILL RECALL I PHONED YOU EARLIER THIS MONTH AND I SAID I WANTED TO WRITE YOU CONCERNING QUESTIONS I HAD ABOUT YOUR BOOK ON EARL WARREN, "CHIEF JUSTICE". MY QUESTIONS DEAL SPECIFICALLY WITH CHAPTER 33, "FACTS SO SIMPLE".

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE I HAVE ENCLOSED A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE AND I DO HOPE THAT YOU CAN REPLY AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

I HAVE ONLY THREE QUESTIONS TO ASK OF YOU AND ALL DEAL WITH PAGE 423 OF CHAPTER 33. THESE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(1) YOU STATED THAT MR. WARREN, WHILE WALKING THROUGH DEALEY PLAZA, TALKED TO "POLICE OFFICERS" AND "WITNESSES IN THE SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY BUILDING". HAVE YOU ANY INFORMATION AS TO PRECISELY WHO THESE POLICE OFFICERS AND WITNESSES WERE? WAS YOUR INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM AN INTERVIEW, MR. WARREN'S PERSONAL NOTES OR A PARTICULAR DOCUMENT?

(2) WHERE DID YOU DETERMINE THE ESTIMATE OF "SLIGHTLY LESS THAN 8 SECONDS" (FOR THE ASSASSINATION)? IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE WARREN REPORT STATED THAT 5.6 SECONDS WAS THE TOTAL TIME. WHAT SOURCE DID YOU DEPEND UPON FOR YOUR ESTIMATE?

(3) MY FINAL QUERY RELATES TO THE FOOTNOTE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE. WHERE DID YOU OBTAIN THE INFORMATION THAT WARREN BELIEVED THAT THE FIRST SHOT HIT BOTH KENNEDY AND CONNALLY? DID YOU ACQUIRE THIS FROM AN INTERVIEW, MR. WARREN'S PERSONAL NOTES OR A PARTICULAR DOCUMENT?

I DO HOPE THAT I HAVE NOT BURDENED YOU WITH MY QUERIES AND THAT YOU CAN REPLY TO THESE QUESTIONS.

YOURS TRULY,

Hal Verb

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Dear Mr. Verb:

My account of the Kennedy investigation came from interviews of five or more staff people, plus E.W., Jr.: Joe Ball, David Belin, W. David Slawson, Arlen Specter et al.

All are archived at UCLA Dept of Special Collections

Best,

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